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*Washington, D.C.*- Today, Congressman Sires joined his colleagues in passing H.R. 847, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, by a vote of 268 to 160. This bill would provide long-term, comprehensive health care and compensation for those thousands of first responders and others exposed to the toxins of Ground Zero who are now sick and in need of treatment and compensation.

“The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center were not just an attack on New York City, but on our entire nation and we have the responsibility to care for those who served our nation in its time of need,” expressed Congressman Sires. “This bill will finally provide the proper care for those thousands of people, including firefighters, rescue workers, responders, police officers, EMTs, construction workers, cleanup workers, residents, area workers, and school children, who were exposed to the toxins of Ground Zero and are now ill.”

Specifically, this bill would provide funding for a World Trade Center Health Program to monitor and treat responders and community residents for health conditions related to the terrorist attacks. It would also reopen the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund to provide

monetary compensation for those physically injured by the attacks or by response activities and debris removal.

H.R. 847 is now under review in the Senate.

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